

# Predeparture Passenger Baggage Inspection Notice for Travelers from the U.S. Virgin Islands to the U.S. Mainland

American agriculture is under constant threat of attack from countless enemies. These enemies are often microscopic and include plant pests and diseases. Every traveler, including those traveling from the U.S. Virgin Islands to the U.S. mainland, may unknowingly carry these hitchhikers that could seriously damage American agriculture across U.S. borders.

All travelers' baggage moving from the U.S. Virgin Islands to the U.S. mainland is subject to predeparture inspection. These inspections are conducted by United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) officials prior to departure at the airport. Please be prepared to open and close your own baggage.

If you have any agricultural items with you, please tell the inspector. Failure to do so can result in delays and fines of \$1,000 or more.

## **Agricultural Items From the U.S. Virgin Islands Permitted into the Mainland (after inspection):**

Alium spp. (includes onion, garlic, and chives)  
Amaranth, *Amaranthus* spp. (leaf, stem)  
Anise  
Annona spp. (leaf)  
*Arracacia xanthorrhiza*  
Arrowroot  
Artichoke, Jerusalem  
Asparagus  
Avocados  
Balsam apple  
Bamboo shoots  
Banana (fruit, leaf without stalk, or midrib)  
Basil  
Bay laurel  
Beans in pods and shelled beans (faba, lima, string)—  
Entry varies depending on destination. Please  
contact the USDA office for more information.  
Beet  
Bitter melon

Brassica oleracea (includes cabbage, broccoli, brussels  
sprouts, cauliflower, kale, and collards)  
Breadfruit  
Breadnut  
Cocoa bean pod  
Cannonball fruit  
Cantaloupe  
Carrot  
Cassava  
Cauliflower  
Celery  
Chamomile, *Anthemis* spp.  
Chayote  
Chervil  
Chicory  
Chinese waternut  
*Chrysanthemum* spp. (leaf, stem)  
Cilantro  
Citrus (grapefruit, orange, lemon, lime)  
Corn-on-the-cob  
Corns salad, *Valerianella* spp.  
Cucumber (includes Angola cucumber, *Sicana odorata*)  
Cyperus corn  
Dandelion greens (leaf, stem)  
Dasheen, *Colocasia*, *Caladium* spp. and *Xanthosoma*  
spp.  
Eggs  
Eggplant  
Endive  
Ethrog (fruit)  
False coriander  
Fennel  
Flowers, fresh cut or dried  
Genip  
Gingerroot  
Gourd  
Herbs, dried or cured  
Honeydew melon  
Horseradish, *Armoracia* spp.  
Indigo, *Indigofera* spp. (leaf)  
Insects, dried or preserved  
Jackfruit  
Kudzu—If not seed, tuberous roots, or stems with node  
(must not be capable of propagation).  
Lambsquarter  
Lemongrass, *Cymbopogon citratus*  
Leren  
Lettuce  
Lily bulb, edible  
Lotus root  
Maguey  
Mangosteen

Marjoram, *Origanum* spp. (leaf, stem)  
 Mint, *Menta* spp.  
 Mushrooms  
 Mustard greens  
 Okra (varies depending on destination. Contact USDA)  
 Oregano, *Origanum* spp. (leaf, stem)  
 Palm heart  
 Papaya  
 Parsley  
 Parsnip  
 Peas, in pod or shelled, *Pisum sativum*  
 Pet birds—Entry requirements vary depending on the origin of the bird. Please consult USDA or APHIS' Publication 1083 "Traveler's Tips" for details on the entry requirements for pet birds.  
 Pineapple  
 Plant cuttings and plants without soil  
 Plantain (fruit, leaf without stalk, or midrib)  
 Pokeweed greens (leaf, stem)  
 Potato  
 Pumpkin  
 Purslane  
 Radish  
 Rhubarb  
 Rosemary (leaf)  
 Rutabaga  
 St. John's bread  
 Salsify  
 Snail shells, if empty and thoroughly cleaned  
 Sorrel, *Rumex* spp.  
 Spinach  
 Squash  
 Stinking-toe (pod)  
 Strawberry  
 Sugarcane (must be peeled, cut, and free of knots)  
 Sweet potato (leaf only)  
 Swiss chard  
 Tamarind bean pods  
 Taro, *Colocasia* and *Caladium* spp.  
 Tarragon  
 Thyme  
 Tomato  
 Truffle  
 Turnip  
 Vegetable marrow  
 Water chestnut  
 Watercress  
 Watermelon

Yam, *Dioscorea* spp.  
 Yautia (taniér), *Xanthosoma* spp.  
*Note:* Commercially canned and thoroughly cooked foods are permitted. All permissible agricultural products are subject to inspection.

### **Agricultural Items from the U.S. Virgin Islands Not Permitted into the Mainland**

Cactus  
 Cotton, cotton cuttings  
 Fruits, fresh—All fruits are prohibited except those on the above list.  
 Insects, live  
 Plants in soil  
 Seed cotton and cottonseed  
 Snails (land)  
 Soil  
 Sugarcane  
 Sweet Potato  
 Vegetables, fresh—All vegetables are prohibited except those on the above list.  
 Lists are subject to change. For more information, visit the USDA office at the airport or call:  
 St. Croix (340) 778–1696  
 St. Thomas (340) 776–2787

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